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<u>Question 6</u>: Suggest that the Primavera portion of the schedule required in Criterion 2 - Technical and Management Approach (Sample Task) will not be considered in the page count.

Answer: Page 65 of 82, Section L.29 (e) Page Count Exceptions states that "Schedules provided with the Sample Task" will not be counted towards the page limitation for the respective volume [Volume II].

Question 7: In the RFP, section L.29 (h) on page 67, paragraph two states that "Graphs, tables and spreadsheets where necessary must be 10 point or larger Arial or Times New Roman font type. All other text must be typed using 12 point (or larger), single-spaced, and using Arial or Times New Roman font type. Foldouts of charts, tables, diagrams or design drawings shall not exceed 11 X 17 inches. Foldout pages shall fold entirely within the volume. Page margins for the foldouts shall be a minimum of one inch at the top, bottom and each side. Foldouts may only be used in the Technical Volume for schedules and may be used in the Cost Volume for schedules, large tables, charts, graphs, diagrams and other schematics."

Will the 11 X 17 inch schedule foldout included in the Technical Volume be considered one page or two pages?

Answer: Page 65 of 82, Section L.29 (e) Page Count Exceptions states that that "Schedules provided with the Sample Task" will not be counted towards the page limitation for the respective volume [Volume II]. Therefore, an 11x 17 schedule foldout will not be counted as a page towards the page limitation specified for Criterion 2 and Criterion 3, combined.

**Question 8:** Please confirm that letters of commitments for subcontractors in Criterion 3 - Organization and Staffing are not included in the page count.

Answer: Page 68 of 82, Section L.30(b)(5) Format and Content -- Letters of Commitments for each proposed Major or Critical Subcontractor are to be included in Volume I in accordance with Section L.30 (b)(5). The letters of commitment do not count towards the page limitation specified for Volume II, Criterion 2 and Criterion 3.

**Question 9:** Please clarify if the response to Volume II, Criterion 1 should consist wholly of the offeror's completed L-2 forms and letters of commitment or should offerors also include a general experience summary to address experience in the PWS areas and/or other requirements. If a general summary is to be included, does it have a page limit and can it include projects in addition to the three for the L-2 forms?

Answer: The offeror shall submit in accordance with Section L.31 (1) Volume II, Criterion 1 **only** completed Attachment L-2, Experience and Past Performance Reference Information forms. The offerors shall not submit any other information for Criterion 1 in Volume II. All information regarding the description of services should be included in Attachment L.2. The offeror shall include letter(s) of commitment from any proposed major or critical subcontractors in Volume I in accordance with Section L.30 (b)(5).

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Question 10: We assume the reference in B.2 to FAR 15.404-4(a)(4)(i) should instead be FAR 15.404-4(c)(4)(i) noting the 10% fee limit.

Answer: The correct reference is FAR 15.404-4(c)(4)(i). The solicitation will be amended.

<u>Question 11</u>: Reference Page 70 of 82, Section L.31, Proposal Preparation Instructions – Technical Proposal Volume II: "The Technical Proposal shall not exceed thirty (30) pages for Criterion 2 and Criterion 3..." Please clarify: Is the page limitation 30 pages total for Criterion 1 and Criterion 2 –or- is it 30 pages for Criterion 1 and 30 pages for Criterion 2?

Answer: Page 70 of 82, Section L.31 EMCBC-L-1004 Proposal Preparation Instructions – Technical Proposal - Volume II -- The Technical Proposal, Volume II, shall not exceed thirty (30) pages for Criterion 2 and Criterion 3, combined. The solicitation will be amended to clarify accordingly.

**Question 12:** We perceive it to be DOE's intent to limit an offeror's responses under *Criterion 2* and *Criterion 3* to 30 pages combined. However, one might interpret the language in the first paragraph of L.31 to mean a limit of 30 pages each for Criteria 2 and 3. Please clarify.

Answer: Page 70 of 82, Section L.31 EMCBC-L-1004 Proposal Preparation Instructions – Technical Proposal -- Volume II, shall not exceed thirty (30) pages for Criterion 2 and Criterion 3, combined. The solicitation will be amended to clarify accordingly.

**Question 13:** Can flow charts and tables be put on 11 x 17 inch pages?

Answer: Page 66 of 82, Section L.29(h) Page Proposal Instructions—General -- Section L.29(h) states as follows: "Foldouts may only be used in the Technical Volume [Volume II] for schedules" and foldouts shall not exceed 11 x 17 inches. Therefore, the 11X17 inch page(s) can only be used in Volume II for schedules. However, in accordance with Section L.29(h), 11 X 17 inch pages/foldouts "may be used in the Cost Volume [Volume III] for schedules, large tables, charts, graphs, diagrams, and other schematics." Therefore, flow charts and tables on 11 x 17 inch foldouts are permissible in Volume III.

**Question 14:** This is not a question – we will assume that DOE does not want a total cost in Section B, given that this is an ID/IQ contract. Costs will be provided in Task Order contracts. However, the spreadsheets in L do refer back to Section B for total costs.

Answer: You are correct. DOE does not want a total estimated cost provided in Section B for the Sample Task. The solicitation, Section L.31 EMCC-L-1004 Proposal Preparation Instructions – Technical Proposal Volume II Attachments L-5 Cost Templates and Instructions & L-6 Sample Direct Labor Hours Template, will be amended.

**Question 15:** Reference: Section L Attachment 4, return address. Is the street address correct? The preproposal conference was held at 250 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, not 500 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Answer: The street address for returning the Past Performance Letters and Questionnaires (PPQ) is incorrect on Attachment L-4. The correct street address is 250 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 500. Offerors should immediately notify any client references that have already been provided the PPQs of the correct street address. The solicitation will be amended.

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**Question 16:** Reference: L.31(1), paragraph 1: The offeror shall describe corporate experience in performing relevant work completed within the last three (3) years or currently ongoing which is similar in size, scope and complexity to that described in the PWS.

Question: The types of projects that meet the relevancy criteria tend to be awarded less frequently than other types of remediation. Would the government consider extending the acceptable time frame to "completed within the last five years or ongoing" providing an opportunity to showcase more unique and innovative experience?

Answer: The solicitation will be amended. Section L.31, Volume II, (1) Criterion 1--Relevant Experience and (4) --Relevant Past Performance will be revised to state " ... completed with the last (5) years or currently ongoing ..."